Department of Adult Nursing and Primary Care

V300 - Non-medical prescribing for nurses (Independent prescribing)

Module Code 6NMH1107 or 7NMH1052  30 Credits at level 6 or 7

The course involves 26 days’ theoretical learning and an additional period of 90 hours’ practice learning, working under the supervision of a designated medical practitioner. Teaching takes place mostly on Thursday, with three Fridays at the beginning of the programme and involves a blended learning approach including taught sessions and directed study. The following study days are required:

25.01.18, 26.01.18, 01.02.18, 02.02.18, 08.02.18, 15.02.18, 22.02.18, 01.03.18, 08.03.18, 15.03.18, 22.03.18, 29.03.18, 05.04.18, 12.04.18, 19.04.18, 26.04.18, 03.05.18, 10.05.18, 17.05.18, 24.05.18, 31.05.18, 07.06.18, 14.06.18, 21.06.18, 28.06.18, 05.07.18

The course is suitable for all nurses and midwives registered with the NMC and practising in an area of clinical need in which prescribing from the British National Formulary will improve patient care.

You need to have at least three years’ experience in practice, with at least one year’s full-time relevant experience immediately prior to your application in the area of your intended prescribing practice. All students require an appropriately qualified Doctor willing to support and assess you in supervised practice. Current Disclosure and Barring Services clearance within the last 3 years is also necessary.

Course aims

The course provides opportunities to develop and demonstrate knowledge, understanding and skills in prescribing practice through independent reasoned thought, systematic enquiry, reflection and evaluation.

Content

The course covers the following topics:

- Systematic approaches to assessment and diagnosis
- Pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics
- Factors that influence prescribing practice and patients’ use of medication
- Evidence based sources of information
- Legal, professional and ethical issues associated with the role

Assessment

The assessment for this course includes:

- Practice Portfolio – demonstrating achievement of required practice learning hours and professional competencies
- Numeracy assessment
- Examination
- Prescribing analysis
- OSCE

Who teaches this course?

The course is taught at the College Lane Campus and Meridian House in Hatfield. (Depending on recruitment to the programme, additional cohorts may be offered involving study days on Mondays (with some Tuesdays) and Wednesdays (with some Tuesdays) in the same weeks as those indicated above)

Cost

The fee for new self-funding students is £2310.00 at level 6 & £1360.00 at level 7. Please note that the fee may vary depending on your source of funding and whether you are a continuing student. To find out information about the fees visit go.herts.ac.uk/cpdfees

The course forms part of a broader CPD framework which can lead to the award of PgC, PgD or MSc.

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